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ABSORB THE ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Government to absorb the additional labour force as well as to reduce the backlog of unemployment; and

(b) the results achieved therefrom so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) A target of creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities was fixed for the 10th Plan period. Out of these, nearly 3 crore employment opportunities were to come from the normal growth of the economy assuming 8% per annum growth of Gross Domestic Product and remaining two crore from special employment generation programmes. Besides this latest initiative taken by the Government in the rural areas is the launch of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, which aims at providing 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to each rural house hold.

(b) Reliable estimates of employment & unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 1999-2000. No fresh quinquennial survey based data has become available since the formulation of the 10th Plan.